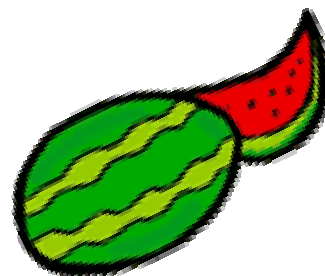


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Commodity Fact Sheet
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- **PRODUCT:** Watermelon (WM)
- **ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:** Fresh whole watermelon, including seeded and seedless varieties. Watermelon cut into halves or quarters **ONLY** if whole is not available.*
- **UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:** Fresh salad mixtures. Fresh watermelon cut into chunks as found in salad bars or clamshell packages.
- **AVAILABILITY:** Year around.
- **SAMPLE SIZE/QUANTITY:** 1 unit; if less than 5 lbs, a minimum of 2 units are required to equal at least 5 lbs. total (ensure same variety if 2 or more units sampled). If only pre-cut is available, collect watermelon cut in 1/2 or 1/4 sizes to equal 5 lbs.
- **PACKAGING AND SHIPPING:** Optimum storage/shipping temperatures are 50-60° F (10-15°C); relative humidity 90 to 95%. Cold packs are not necessary. Use plenty of cushioning on all sides of watermelon to fit it tightly within box. *Ship ground transportation unless otherwise notified because of this commodity's excessive weight and therefore expense. Maximum shipping time: 3 days.* Please try not to select watermelon samples that are much over 20 lbs.
***NOTE:** If cut watermelon is selected, place in leak-proof bag(s) and ship with icepaks and plenty of packing materials to prevent spoilage or damage during shipment. Ship cut watermelon by routine overnight service.
- **ETHYLENE PRODUCER/SENSITIVE:** High Sensitivity.

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